

Traffic Stop Leads To Weapons Arrest – Smyrna



Lawrence D. Bailey

Smyrna– The Delaware State Police have arrested a Wilmington man after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a handgun.

The incident occurred on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at approximately 2:31 p.m. when a Trooper observed a 2003 Mercury Sable traveling above the posted speed limit on northbound Route 13 in the area of Hickory Ridge Road. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver and two occupants. Further investigation revealed that the 29-year-

old male operator from Dover, had a suspended driver's license and an active capias. Upon contact with the occupants, a "blunt" containing marijuana was observed inside the vehicle. Upon identification of the rear seat passenger, it was discovered that he had two active capiases.

Further search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a handgun located in a compartment in the glove box with an obliterated serial number.

The rear seat passenger, identified as **Lawrence D. Baily** was transported back to Troop 9 where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm by Person Previously Convicted of A Violent Felony, Possession of a Weapon with an Obliterated Serial Number, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, and Possession of Marijuana. Baily was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on a total of \$79, 647.22 secured bond for his current charges and two active capiases.

The driver was released after being issued a citation for speeding and other traffic related offenses.

The front seat passenger, a 28-year-old male from Philadelphia was not charged.

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